

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

09/981,603

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

DVORAK ET AL.

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 11/26/2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-11, 13-26, 28-38, 40 and 42-50.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 10/17/2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

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**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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***Detailed Actions***

1. Amendment After Final received on 11/26/2004 is entered.

***Response to the arguments***

2. Applicants argue that Haun et al. (6,259,996) cannot be considered when determining whether the Applicant's invention is obvious under § 103. In light of declarations 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 submitted by Applicants Robert F. Dvorak and Kon B. Wong such an argument is convincing. Rejections of Claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Haun et al. (6,259,996) in view of Dougherty (4,589,052) and Lee (5,107,208) are withdrawn.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

3. Claims 1-11, 13-26, 28-40, and 42-50 are allowed.

**The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:**

4. Independent Claims 1, 16, 28, 47, 48, 49 and 50 are allowable because none of the prior art of record disclose a system or a method for detecting a presence of arcing in an electrical circuit comprising a controller for processing a sensor signal corresponding to current in the

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circuit to determine if a pattern of the current peaks and rise time and a broadband noise is corresponding with reselected data indicative of an arcing fault in combination with the other claim limitations.

5. Claims 2-11, 13-15, 17-26, 29-40 and 42-46 are allowable, because they are dependent on allowable claims.

***Comments to reasons for allowance***

6. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

**Contact information**

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications, from the examiner should be directed to Boris Benenson whose telephone number is (571) 272-2048. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (8:20-6:00) First Friday Off.


If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Brian Sircus can be reached on (571) 272 2800 ext 36. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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